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1. UNDER FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT EQUIPMENT CAN BE PROVIDED TO FOREIGN POLICE AGENCIES FOR NARCOTICS CONTROL PURPOSES ONLY. REGRET THEREFORE THAT, BECAUSE OF THIS RESTRICTIVE LEGISLATION, WE UNABLE AUTHORIZE FUNDING ORIGINAL DLG PLAN TO REHABILITATE POLICE CRIME LAB SINCE EXAMINATIONS AND ANALYSES CONNECTED WITH NARCOTICS INVESTIGATIONS COMPRISE ONLY ONE ELEMENT OF TOTAL CRIME LAB OPERATIONS.

2. WHILE AID ARE WILLING TO ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF NARCOTICS ANALYTICAL CAPABILITIES WITHIN THE CRIME LAB, WE NEED TO KNOW SIZE OF LAB'S NARCOTIC CASELOAD, TYPES OF NARCOTICS ENCOUNTERED AND AVAILABILITY OF INDIGENOUS
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CAPABILITIES AND BUDGETARY SUPPORT). IT IS OUR UNDER-
STANDING ALSO THAT A DLG SURVEY OF THE LAB IN SEPTEMBER
1973 REVEALED EXTENSIVE DEFICIENCIES IN THE LAB'S POWER
SUPPLY, VENTILATION, STORAGE, EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE AND
GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING PRACTICES. RECRUITMENT, TRAINING AND
RETENTION OF QUALIFIED PERSONNEL WERE IDENTIFIED ALSO AS
BASIC PROBLEMS.

3. IF GOI REMEDIES THE CONDITIONS NOTED ABOVE AND UP-
GRADES THE PHYSICAL FACILITIES OF THE LAB, AID WOULD
CONSIDER PROVIDING BASIC LAB EQUIPMENT (INSTRUMENTS,
CHEMICALS, LABORATORY SUPPLIES AND REFERENCED TEXTS)
VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY DOLS 5500 THAT WOULD PERMIT THE
IDENTIFICATION OF COMMON DRUGS THROUGH THE APPLICATION OF
CHEMICAL COLOR/CRYSTAL TESTS. NARCOTICS TRAINING FOR ONE
OR MORE LAB TECHNICIANS COULD BE ARRANGED PROVIDED THE
LANGUAGE PROBLEMS COULD BE SURMOUNTED AND PROVIDED ALSO
THAT ONCE TRAINED THESE TECHNICIANS WOULD REMAIN WITH THE
LAB. IT SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD, HOWEVER, THAT PROVISION OF
ADDITIONAL AND/OR MORE SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT IS NOT CON-
TEMPLATED UNLESS FULLY JUSTIFIED BY INCREASED CASELOAD OR
ITS INDISPENSABILITY TO THE ADJUDICATION OF NARCOTICS LAW
VIOLATIONS.

4. MISSION COMMENTS ARE REQUESTED.

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